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RE: U.S. v. Microsoft

It is my understanding that Judge Kelly will be reviewing comments on the proposed Microsoft settlement. Please know that my feeling is that this settlement is in the best interest of the economy and consumers.

The technology sector needs a boost and so does our economy. This case has gone on long enough and plenty of our dollars have been spent on it. We need to encourage competition but we don't need the courts so involved in an industry that it discourages growth and innovation.

Let's settle this and encourage more companies to get out there and compete. It is Microsoft's rivals that want to see this go on and on. As for consumers we like our choices.

Sincerely,

  
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